

SENATE BILL 3440

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,  
Title 33 and Title 71, relative to the division of  
intellectual disabilities services.

WHEREAS, Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33, Chapter 5 is titled “developmental disabilities services”; and

WHEREAS, the state agency that has the responsibility of administering the provisions of Title 33, Chapter 5 is named the “division of intellectual disability services”; and

WHEREAS, the name of the state agency having this responsibility should reflect all the people covered in Title 33, Chapter 5 rather than just one group; and

WHEREAS, House Joint Resolution 139, passed in 2009, expressed the General Assembly’s support for people with developmental disabilities having access to home and community-based services provided through a single distinct entity in state government that has primary responsibility for planning, developing, and administering these programs; and

WHEREAS, this clarification of responsibility should not result in any additional costs to the state; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The Tennessee code commission is requested to change applicable references from the "division of intellectual disabilities services" in Tennessee Code Annotated, Titles 4, 33, and 71 to the "division of developmental disability services" wherever such references appear in such titles. These changes shall be accomplished as volumes are replaced and supplements are published.

SECTION 2. The renamed “division of developmental disability services” shall have primary responsibility for planning, developing, and administering programs for all persons with developmental disabilities.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.